Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): അസിസ്റ്റൻറ സർജനെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കണമെങ്കിൽ വളരെ നാഴിക അകലെ അവർ പോകണമെന്നുള്ളതു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Not now-a-days. There are any number of them.

PATTANCHERI VILLAGE—PUBLIC TANK.

155. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the public of Pattancheri in Chittur Taluk have no public tank for bathing purposes ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the tank known as അമ്പലക്കുളം temple tank is made useless for bathing purposes by drawing away water from it in the month of Meenam and Medam by the adjacent land owner ;

(*c*) is it not a fact that that tank was constructed by a lady of Matasery house for the benefit of the public ;

(*d*) is it not a fact that the water of the tank, if used at all, for irrigation, was for irrigating only four acres of land adjoining it ;

(*e*) are they aware that the water is taken away for other lands also at present;

(*f*) whether they would be pleased to restrict the taking away of water that it may not prejudice the right of use of the public for bathing purposes ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) There are two big tanks in Pattancheri, which are used for bathing purposes. The two tanks are patta lands. The one called അമ്പലക്കുളം is used by caste Hindus alone.

(*b*) Yes—to a certain extent.

(*c*) No information. The tank is included in the patta lands held by Nayar-veetil Suppu Nayar of Pattancheri.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) It may not be possible to place any restriction in the matter of letting down water from a private tank for irrigation purposes.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): The Diwan Peishkar is absent today and therefore I may be allowed to ask this question to-morrow.

Mr. President: You can ask the question to-morrow.

SALE PROCEEDS OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTIES OR REFUNDS—RECEIPT FROM THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY COMPANY.

156. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether our Government is getting any portion of the sale proceeds of unclaimed properties or refunds which the South Indian Railway get from time to time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Sale proceeds of unclaimed and damaged goods is an item of the receipts of the Cochin State Railway under Clause 1 (o) of the Working Agreement. As regards refunds, what the hon'ble member means is not clear.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): As regards the sale proceeds of unclaimed and damaged goods, is it on the goods which they get from the State railway alone, that is calculated?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes. The portion that relates to the State Railway.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Suppose some goods are left in the train which starts from Ernakulam and goes to Madras and these articles are found in Madras. How can they say that the articles were left by somebody from Erode, Coimbatore or from any station in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): This is not an isolated instance of the kind. There are several branch railways in the S. I. R. And this being a common question, I am sure, railways must have some definite rules for their guidance in this matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): What I mean is this. Suppose some goods are sent from Madras or Bombay to our State and by some mistake, if they charge above the Schedule rate and the owner of the goods does not claim this over-charge and when the audit is going on they may find out that the railway authorities have charged above the schedule rates and that amount is calculated as refund.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): In that case there is no refund. That is some extra receipt.

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